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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: REGULATED GROWTH FACTOR DELIVERY FOR  
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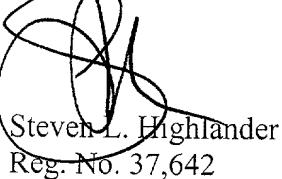
Transmitted herewith for filing is a 85-page patent specification including 46 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-8 on 8 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Gregory R.D. Evans, Charles W. Patrick, Jr., Mathias Schmidt and Zhen Fan for the captioned invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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